

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1 and 12 are now in the application. Claims 1 and 12 are subject to examination. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended. Claims 2-6, 9, 11, and 13-42 have been canceled to facilitate prosecution of the instant application.

On page 8 of the Decision on Appeal dated June 10, 2010, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reversed the rejection of claims 11 and 12 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,847,569 to Fulk et al. and U.S. Patent No. 3,650,717 to Canfield et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Applicants have added the limitations of claim 11 into claim 1. Claim 11 has not been rejected under any other combination of prior art. Therefore, it is believed that the amendment overcomes all outstanding rejections.

All claims other than claim 12 and claim 1, which includes the limitations of claim 11, have been canceled.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claim 1. Claim 1 is, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art. The dependent claims are believed to be patentable as well because they all are ultimately dependent on claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 12 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate receiving a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

Please charge any fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner Greenberg Sterner LLP, No. 12-1099.

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